

WEATHER FORECAST:
Fair tonight and Sunday.
(Full Report on Page Two.)

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NEW EBBITT REVELS WERE NOT RIOTOUS, AVERS BAKER

Former District Attorney De-
clares Scenes of Disorder
"Football Night" Are Greatly
Overdrawn.

Before House Committee One
Witness Says He Was Not
Even in Vicinity of Hotel
That Evening.

Hearing further description of the
night of revelry following the
Georgetown-Virginia football game,
November 15, the subcommittee of
the House District Committee re-
sumed its investigation of alleged
violation of the excise laws, today,
while George F. Schutt, proprietor
of the New Ebbitt, accompanied by
attorneys, occupied seats in the com-
mittee room.

They listened intently to the tes-
timony. Neither took part in the ex-
amination of witnesses.

Chairman Caraway, who is taking
the leading part in the investigation,
said the investigation should end on
Tuesday. It will be resumed Tuesday
morning, he declared.

Newspaperman Testifies.

Earl Godwin, a reporter, testified that
his detailed account of the night's re-
velry was based almost entirely upon
first-hand information, and he related
the difficulty experienced in getting
near the center of activities at the New
Ebbitt.

Mr. Godwin said he saw one arrest
down stairs in the Ebbitt, and "it
seemed that about a hundred people
were jostling around a young boy,
whom the police were endeavoring to
take out." He said he was in the cafe
early in the evening, but when he at-
tempted to re-enter later the best he
could do was to stick his nose against
the glass door and remain on the out-
side, looking in.

"Did you hear any smashing of dishes
and overturning of tables?" asked
Congressman Thompson, severely.

"I heard a violent argument of some
kind back near the Dutch room," said
Mr. Godwin, "and I heard something
which sounded like a tray falling.
There seemed to be a rush of ten or
fifteen people toward the Dutch room."

"Did you go into the lobby and did
you see any young women intoxicated
there?" asked Mr. Thompson.

"I was in the lobby and saw two girls
who had evidently been drinking. They
weren't drunk, but they were laughing
rather hysterically. The lobby was
crowded."

"What about the 'bouncers' in the Eb-
bitt bar?"

"I didn't know anything about a
bouncing system."

"Do they get men in the bar and get
them souped up and then throw them
out?" persisted Mr. Thompson.

"I don't know," replied the newspaper-
man.

Attorney A. E. Shoemaker, represent-
ing the Anti-Saloon League, asked one
question:

"Were women served liquors without
meals that night?"

"I don't know. I did not notice that
feature."

Edward B. Kimball, an attorney, tes-
tified that he "seemed to run across a
police man everywhere who went about
the Ebbitt house corner on that night.
I didn't see any rooster, why, so many
should be there."

Was Not Even There.

Michael J. Colbert, another attorney,
expressed inability to understand why
he had been summoned before the com-
mittee.

"I went home at 2 o'clock that Satur-
day afternoon, and stayed there until
the next morning," he said. "I know
nothing at all about this affair." He
had no comment to make on reports of
the revelries of the evening.

Daniel W. Baker, who was the principal
witness today, said he had taken
dinner, in company with his wife and
a party of friends at the Ebbitt House
following the football game.

"We were in the gold room shortly
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NAMED ATTORNEY
FOR TRACTION CO.



FRANK J. HOGAN.

HOGAN IS NAMED TRACTION COUNSEL

R. Ross Perry Will Retire From
Services of Capital Com-
pany on January 20.

Frank J. Hogan, one of the best
known young lawyers of Washington,
and prominent in local political affairs,
has been designated as one of the attor-
neys of the Capital Traction Company,
and will represent that corporation in
one of the District courts when he as-
sumes his new position.

Thomas Dunlop, also prominent lo-
cally, is the other attorney recently ap-
pointed to the general counsel's office.
It became known today that R. Ross
Perry, who has been general counsel of
the Capital Traction Company for some
years, is to retire from that position,
January 20. George F. Hamilton, presi-
dent of the company, will become gen-
eral counsel. Mr. Hogan and Mr. Dunlop
will assist Mr. Hamilton in his work.

Mr. Hogan has taken a prominent part
in the District affairs since he was ad-
mitted to the bar. He has represented
clients in some of the biggest cases
appearing in the District courts. His
most recent case was that of Samuel T.
Kallifus, former Assistant Assessor of
the District, who brought suit against
the District Commissioners for rein-
statement.

Find Tongues After Sentence Is Passed

Two Finlanders showed a remarkable
ability to handle the English language
after Judge Mulowny had sentenced both
to Okequoan for ninety days on a
charge of vagrancy, although previous
to the imposition of sentence both ap-
peared mute.

"Where did you two fellows come
from?" asked the court, by way of
opening the conversation.

The two men gazed blankly at the
judge and said nothing. The court pro-
ceeded several other questions with the
same result.

"Ninety days each—do you under-
stand that?" snapped the judge.

Immediately there was a picture-que
jumble of English and the mother
tongue, but the judge was elated.

The prisoners gave their names as
Helma A. Kauppinen and Asger L. Zet-
tenberg.

Fort McHenry Afire; Saved By Caretaker

BALTIMORE, Dec. 12.—Fort Mc-
Henry, birthplace of "The Star-Spang-
led Banner," narrowly escaped ruin.
One of the caretakers set fire to a pile
of dead grass and the flames reached
the administration building.

The frustrated man beat out the fire,
scorched himself, but saved the bar-
ricks sacred to the memory of Francis
Scott Key.

Convention Hall. Carnival Night To-
night. Dancing. Admission Free.—Adv.

G. O. P. PILOTS BEGINNING TO ARRIVE HERE FOR CONCLAVE

Question of Calling Special Na-
tional Convention Next
Spring Is Being Discussed
By Committeemen Today.

Newell Sanders, of Tennessee,
Is Now in Favor of Plan to
Hold Session, and Three
Cities Are Being Considered.

With the approach of the time for
the meeting of the Republican na-
tional committee here next Tuesday,
members of the committee have be-
gun to assemble, and the situation
with respect to calling a special Re-
publican national convention is be-
ing discussed.

It is everywhere admitted that a
convention will be called. It prob-
ably will be held in March or April
and either in Washington, Cincinnati
or St. Louis. National Chairman
Hilles is working for Cincinnati. St.
Louis has made an offer of \$20,000
for the convention.

Sanders Favors Plan.

National Committeeman Newell San-
ders of Tennessee has arrived. Though
he was at first against the convention,
he has concluded to vote for one. This
makes it plain that part of the South-
ern committeemen at least will support
the convention plan. At one time it
was feared they would be a unit
against it.

New York's decision for a convention
and for progressive action, it is now
apparent, has had a widespread effect.
A big fight is coming over the ques-
tion whether to adopt a strong progres-
sive platform. Senator La Follette will
insist on it. He will take the position
that unless this is done the Republican
party will be disgraced.

Would Limit Action.

Some of the Republican National Com-
mitteemen are considering adoption of
a resolution next Tuesday limiting the
convention to consideration of two or
three questions not including a plat-
form. If the committee takes this step,
it will mean trouble for the committee
has no power to bind the convention.

Including Senator Cummins, take the
progressive Republican platform is op-
posed by Old Guard leaders and by some
of the Progressive Republicans. That is,
some of the Progressive Republicans,
including Senator Cummins, take the
position that now is not the time to
adopt a platform, and if the Progress-
ive Republicans try to force through a
platform such as they want they may
be licked, something which would be
bad for the party.

Direct Primary Due.

The direct Presidential primary will
come up at the convention, and Pro-
gressive Republicans want to endorse
the idea, while some of the Old Guard
leaders do not. Here will be a bone of
contention.

Progressive Republican leaders hold
the direct primary is right in the first
place, and that it would be good poli-
tics in the second place, as who are al-
ready at loggerheads over the issue.
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tenberg.

Indications are the national commit-
tee will leave to the State committees
selection of delegates to the forthcom-
ing national convention.

Mrs. Pankhurst Leaves France For England

PARIS, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Emmeline Pank-
hurst, whose license from jail at Ex-
eter, England, expires Monday, left here
today for London. A taxicab took the
place of the ambulance that bore Mrs.
Pankhurst on her arrival, and she was
able to walk to the train, supported on
either side.

Her daughter, Miss Christabel Pank-
hurst, accompanied the suffragette lead-
er to Calais.

ATROCITIES AT TAMPICO CITY

Thousands of Refugees on Warships Watch Fearful
Scenes of Brutality in Hanging Prisoners of War

THOUSANDS SEE PRISONERS OF WAR HANGED

In full view of the American fleet
and the thousands of inhabi-
tants of Tampico, Mexican
federalists and constitutionalists
alike have hanged prisoners of
war. As a result of this viola-
tion of international precedent,
Admiral Fletcher, commanding
the American forces, sent an
officer ashore and protested in
the name of humanity against
the practice.

This information was communi-
cated to the State Department
by Fletcher in a wireless re-
ceived at noon today.

NORFOLK LINE MADE \$150,000 LAST YEAR

D. J. Callahan Gives Figures
While Opposing Seamen's
Bill Before Committee.

Appearing in opposition to the La
Follette seamen's bill before the House
Merchant Marine Committee today, D.
J. Callahan, representing the Norfolk
and Washington Steamboat Company,
testified that his company made approx-
imately \$150,000 last year.

This fact was developed by Congress-
man Mangham of Minnesota, who rigidly
cross-examined all witnesses appear-
ing in the LaFollette measure, which im-
poses additional restrictions on steam-
boats and requires more lifeboats and
more able-bodied seamen on man them.

Mr. Callahan said the LaFollette bill
would impose a burden upon his com-
pany, and that the two main steamers
have not room for the number of life-
boats and the additional seamen re-
quired.

"What were your earnings last year?"
asked Mr. Mangham.

Mr. Callahan said he had not the fig-
ures with him.

"You can come within \$50,000," said
Mr. Mangham.

"Oh, yes; I should say \$150,000," replied
Mr. Callahan.

"Is it not true," asked Mangham,
"that your objection to this bill is that
you would have to pay more than \$25 a
month to have able-bodied men aboard—in
other words, white seamen?"

"That is a part of our objection," said
Mr. Callahan. Mr. Callahan then ex-
plained that the present crews are
mostly made up of colored men, who
have been well drilled in life-saving and
fire protection, that the boats are never
more than three to five miles from land,
and that a serious accident has never
occurred on the line. He said the dock-
hands and members of the crew received
\$25 a month and board.

Girl Who Resembled Miss McCann Is Seen

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 12.—William
T. Briscoe, a railroad yardman, while
returning from work early last evening
was stopped on the street by a young
woman who appeared to be dazed. She
asked where she was, and he directed
her to a grocery. Briscoe later saw a
picture of Miss Jessie E. McCann, the
missing Brooklyn social worker, and
declared the woman who stopped him
resembled Miss McCann. The case is
being investigated.

Fined For False Pretense.

After she had pleaded guilty to a
charge of obtaining a waist, two pairs
of gloves, and two nightgowns from a
local department store under false pre-
tenses, Marie Johnston was fined \$5 in
Police Court today. The fine was paid.

IN CONGRESS TODAY.

SENATE.
Met at 10 o'clock.
Currency debate resumed. Senator Cum-
mings argues against constitutionality of
Democratic bill and says it will re-
sult in long litigation.
Senator Thomas raises the silver ques-
tion once more.



REAR ADMIRAL FLETCHER.
In Command of United States Fleet At Tampico.

DENIES PRESIDENT IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Tumulty Declares Rumors That
Wilson Cannot Work Are
Without Foundation.

Because of persistent rumors that
President Wilson's condition was worse
than it was, Secretary of the Navy
Tumulty this afternoon emphatically as-
serted that nothing was being held
back.

"There has been a steady improve-
ment in the President's condition," he
said. "There is no cause for any alarm-
ing rumors. He could have come to his
office today, but the doctor has pre-
scribed complete rest, and he is obeying
orders. It is possible that he will
be well enough tomorrow morning to
receive Mayor-elect John Purroy Mitch-
ell of New York, who is here to at-
tend the Grubbin Club dinner tonight,
and who wishes to pay his respects."

"The teachers do not have a vested
right to a vacation without pay for the
entire period from December 24 to 31,
hence payment of full salary for the
entire month at any time prior to the
21st day would be in the nature of an
advance payment, and as such prohibi-
ted by section 365 of the Revised
Statutes."

Payment of a half month's salary will
be made to the teachers before Christ-
mas, the exact date not having been
determined. Members of the Police and
Fire departments will be paid a half
month's salary December 19.

Laughs Himself to Death.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—A. T. Prentice
laughed so hard at a naive picture he
was stricken with apoplexy and died.

Christmas Tree Assured.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 12.—A mun-
icipal Christmas tree was practically
assured today when Mayor Wallace be-
gan an investigation to see if the fun-
ds can be procured. A committee of club-
women promise to make arrangements.

HALF SALARY FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS

Comptroller Decides They Can-
not Have Full Month's Pay
For Christmas Season.

Teachers of the public schools, unless
otherwise supplied with funds, must
limit their expenditures for Christmas
shopping to a half month's salary, ac-
cording to a decision of the Comptrol-
ler of the Treasury received by the Com-
missioners today.

Recently the Commissioners, on re-
quest of Dr. William M. Davidson, Su-
perintendent of Schools, asked the
Comptroller for a decision as to
whether the teachers could be paid their
full salaries for the month of Decem-
ber prior to the Christmas holidays, in
view of the fact that their services for
the month terminate on December 22.

The reasons given by the Comptroller
for his adverse decision are as follows:
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Dance Tonight. Arcade Auditorium.

Select Dancing Tonight. Dancing Taught.
Phone, Col. 3795. Not Public.—Adv.

HOUSE HEADS TO PLY AXHARD ON ESTIMATES FOR DISTRICT

Budget To Be Presented Mon-
day Expected to Have Cut
Out Appropriations For All
New Projects Asked.

Departments to Feel Deeply
Paring Knife of Committees,
Which Will Try to Arrange to
Make Ends Meet.

House leaders met in the office of
Speaker Clark today and determined
upon an economy program which
will effect the District of Columbia
as well as all other Government de-
partments in the consideration of ap-
propriation bills.

When the District budget is re-
ported to the House Monday, it is
learned today, that it will show a
systematic slashing of the estimates
and practically none of the new mun-
icipal projects advocated by the
Commissioners will be recommend-
ed. It is believed that the total
amount carried by the District bill
will but slightly exceed last year's
total, which was \$11,365,000. The
Commissioners asked for more than
\$14,000,000, but the Appropriations
Committee has cut deep into the es-
timates.

New Projects to Feel Ax.

Of all the new projects recommended
by the District house, it is understood
that not one will be provided for, with
the exception of comparatively minor
appropriations for motor trucks for the
health and other departments, and per-
haps a limited appropriation for begin-
ning the work of making a physical
valuation of public utilities.

The estimates for the fish wharf and
market, two new bathing beaches, a
municipal warehouse, the viaduct and
bridge on Benning road, the bridge
across the Eastern branch of the Poto-
mac, the Municipal Hospital, and the
municipal lodging house, as well as the
other new projects, wanted by the Com-
missioners, are said to have been given
a death blow in the Appropriations Com-
mittee, and will not be contained in the
bill.

The Commissioners were especially
eager for authorization to construct two
new bathing beaches, a municipal hos-
pital, and a municipal warehouse, but
the economy program will prevent the
fulfillment of their plans.

The conference of House leaders to-
day resulted in an agreement to hold
the appropriations for all departments
down to the limit of last year, and to
appropriate in the aggregate not more
than the \$1,000,000,000 carried in the
budget for the current fiscal year. This
means that all estimates, including
those for the District of Columbia, will
be deeply sliced, and the \$3,000,000 ad-
ditional wanted by the District will be
disallowed.

Practically no salary increases are
provided for in the District bill, and the
appropriations for the street extension
work and other standing expenses have
been pared.

The District bill will be ready for
presentation to the House Monday.

The economy conference today brought
an agreement among the House leaders
that discussion of appropriation
bills will be limited to the subject
matter therein, and that all bills will
be heard through the House and sent to
the Senate, if possible, by February 1.

Budget Chiefs Agree To Pare Bills to Limit

How Uncle Sam can make ends meet
next year by rigid economy under the
new tariff law was solved today at a
conference between House Democratic

Washington Girls Are Strenuous

Washington girls are making for good health and spirits by
spending a large portion of their time away from study in
athletics. Edith Lobert early last week discovered at the
Western High School a group of young ladies who are suf-
ficiently active in the athletic line to put up a very fine
exhibition of hockey. Hockey is a strenuous game, but the
Western High School girls play it well, and Miss Lobert has
written an interesting story of their achievements. Read it
in tomorrow's Times.

In Tomorrow's Afternoon Times
Washington's Best Sunday Newspaper
All the News the Day It Happens
Jean Eliot's Unique Society Gossip
And a Host of Other Exclusive Features
Order It Today From Your Newsdealer or Call Times Office and Our
Carriers Will Deliver It at Your Home

Carrying Gifts to the Country

Much has been written about the coming rush of Christmas gifts
through the parcels post, but most of it so far has dealt with
the threatened jam in the greater cities. The rural free de-
livery carrier has his troubles, too, for with the nature and
size of parcels now allowable in this service many a wagon
in the country districts will be jammed to overflowing.
Read of the carrier's troubles in tomorrow's Times as he has told
them to Florence E. Yoder.